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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UN OBSERVATION OF MARIANAS PLEBISCITE: SOVIET PARTICI-
PATION

1. WE HAVE INFORMED SOVIET TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) REP
(KOVALENKO) OF US DESIRE THAT TC SEND SPECIAL VISITING
MISSION, INCLUDING SOVIETS, TO MARIANAS TO OBSERVE JUNE 17
PLEBISCITE. WE HAVE ALSO FURNISHED SOVIET MISSION WITH MARIANAS
COVENANT AS WELL MAJOR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATING TO
ORGANIZATION OF PLEBISCITE. SOVIET REPS HAVE NOT REACTED
DIRECTLY TO US. THEY HAVE HINTED, HOWEVER, TO UN SECRETARIAT
MEMBERS THAT AT NEXT TC SESSION, THEY MAY REQUEST FROM UN
LEGAL COUNSEL RULING WHETHER PLEBISCITE CONSTITUTES "ACT
OF SELF-DETERMINATION" UNDER CHARTER AND THEY STARTING TO
SPREAD CANARD THAT US PLANNING ASK FOR TERMINATION OF
TRUSTEESHIP OVER MARIANAS IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLEBISCITE.
SOVIETS ALSO HINTING THEY MAY FIND IT "DIFFICULT" TO PARTICIPATE
IN MARIANAS VISITING MISSION ON GROUNDS THAT THEY MUST
JOIN UN COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION TO LISBON AT ABOUT SAME TIME.

2. WE PLAN TO DISCREETLY SOUND OUT LEGAL COUNSEL'S VIEWS ON
POSSIBLE SOVIET REQUEST (FYI: WE ASSUME HE WOULD SIMPLY
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REPLY THAT QUESTION IS ONE FOR TC ITSELF TO DECIDE. END

FYI) WE ARE MAKING IT CLEAR TO OTHER TC MEMBERS THAT USG HAS ALREADY PUBLICALLY PLEDGED TO TC THAT IT WILL REQUEST TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP FOR ALL OF TRUST TERRITORY AT SAME TIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL PRIOR TO TC SESSION BEGINNING MAY 27, FOR EMBASSY MOSCOW TO MAKE FACTUAL PRESENTATION TO FOREIGN OFFICE ON MARIANAS COVENANT, FORTHCOMING PLEBISCITE AND STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR REST OF TRUST TERRITORY. WE RECALL THAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DIRECTOR ISSRAELYAN VERY FAMILIAR WITH TTPI AS RESULT HIS LONG INVOLVEMENT WITH TC AND HIS PARTICIPATION IN 1973 VISITING MISSION. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY PRESENTATION AND REPEAT TO IT FOLLOWING TELEGRAMS: STATE 42860, STATE 82931, STATE 83174, STATE 83791, STATE 90068.
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